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FAIR IS BACK IN BUSINESS

A TRADE fair hoping to attract up to 20,000 people is returning to Witney next month after a nine year hiatus.

Witney Trade Fair and Wedding Expo will see businesses from West Oxfordshire and beyond showcase their wares at its new site in The Leys from September 18 to 21.

It will be the first trade fair to be held in the town since 2005, when more than 60,000 people attended the event at Church Green.

Chris Clinkard has been working on bringing the trade fair back to Witney for the last two and a half years.

He said: "Basically the event was so successful before that it outgrew the previous site, which is why we are hosting it on The Leys.

"The time is right to bring it back, and we have businesses coming from far and wide.

"It is a huge opportunity to showcase businesses and see all that's best that Witney and the Oxfordshire Cotswolds has to offer."

The trade fair will be held on September 18 and 19, while the wedding expo is scheduled to take place on September 20 and 21.

By **Adam Flinn**
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A classic Downton Abbey-themed car rally is also being incorporated into the fair, with up to 100 vintage vehicles visiting seven filming locations of the TV series in Witney.

Those taking part are being encouraged to dress in period costume, with proceeds from the event being donated to Against Breast Cancer.

Other entertainment across the four days includes a Downton comedy and quiz night in support of the Buttercross Scout Group, and a silent disco in aid of the Liberty Baker Memorial Fund.

Jane Doughty, West Oxfordshire district councillor for Witney South, said: "I would say it's very positive for the town.

She added: "Anything like this is excellent, and as far as I'm concerned it's good for local trade and good for the community."

• *Chris Clinkard has been working to bring the trade fair back to Witney (Picture by DMK Media and Photography)*

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Soldiers' sacrifice in WWI is remembered

• *Hundreds gathered in Abingdon to mark 100 years since the start of the First World War*

THOUSANDS of Oxfordshire residents visited churches and war memorials across the county on Monday to commemorate 100 years since the start of the First World War.

It marked the centenary of the UK declaring war against Germany, with cities, towns and villages nationwide holding services for the anniversary.

At Oxford's Christ Church Cathedral, a vigil of music, readings and prayers was held from 8pm.

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Bishop John Pritchard, who gave the blessing at the service, said: "It was extremely moving, the service was attended by far more people than we had expected.

"It was a service of serious reflection on what we owe that generation, and helped us to think of what we learned from those four savage years of war.

"It's really important we go on remembering and make a lot of these particular anniversaries."

In Abingdon, hundreds of people gathered around the war memorial in High Street from 10pm holding candles and wearing poppies.

It followed a service at St Helen's Church, where the names of every soldier from the town who fought in the Great War were read out.

Abingdon mayor Angela Lawrence was one of those who gave a reading at the war memorial.

She said: "I think it went very well. The service itself was perfectly conceived and it went according to plan.

"I didn't think there would be so many who would want to join in so that was lovely, it really felt like a town event.

"We owe [the soldiers] a great debt in that they went to fight for us for their future generations, which we are. It was very brave."

Vigils also took place at numerous sites across the county, including at Didcot's war memorial in Britwell Road, in the churchyard of St Peter's and St Paul's Church in Wantage, and at the Town Hall war memorial in Carterton.

In Witney, crowds gathered at Church Green on Sunday for a special service commemorating the role of animals in the war.

And across Oxfordshire, the Lights Out campaign saw the lights at buildings turned off at 11pm to mark the moment war was declared.

Oxfordshire county council leader Ian Hudspeth said: "This is a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by those who served to protect this country a century ago."

Cocaine and heroin hidden in Kinder egg

AN OXFORD man who had more than 60 wraps of crack cocaine and heroin hidden inside a children's Kinder egg has been sentenced to 32 months in prison.

Devon Thompson, 38, of Kelburne Road, was arrested in Cowley on January 21 on suspicion of possession with intent to supply the drugs.

Police then searched Thompson's car where they found the Kinder Egg filled with the drugs, which had a total street value of £620.

More than £1,000 in cash was also seized from his car and home address.

Thompson pleaded guilty to the charges, and was sentenced last Friday at Oxford Crown Court.

Investigating officer PC Ben Jones from Oxford CID said: "I am pleased with the sentence imposed upon Thompson, who will no longer be able to deal drugs on the streets of Oxford.

"This sentence should act as a reminder to potential officers that Thames Valley Police and the Crown Prosecution Service have a zero tolerance approach to drugs offences.

"Those who do offend will be charged and sent to court."

• *Devon Thompson*

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M40 crash death

OXON: Police are appealing for witnesses after a 40-year-old man was killed between junction 8A and 9 of the M40 on Monday.

The pedestrian was hit by a lorry at around 2.50pm, and was pronounced dead at the scene.

It is not known why the man was on the motorway at the time.

The northbound carriageway of the M40 was closed between the two junctions for around two hours while an investigation took place.

PC Matthew Booker from the Joint Operations Unit for Roads Policing, said: "We would like to appeal for anyone who witnessed the collision, or who saw any of the vehicles prior to or at the time of the collision, to contact us."

Pub attack

OXFORD: A 24-year-old man has been arrested after a teenager was attacked in Oxford on Sunday, which left him needing urgent treatment for a neck injury.

Between 12.30am and 1am, two men got into an argument in the beer garden of the House Bar and The Bear pub in Blue Boar Street.

The argument became physical and the victim, aged 19, had to be taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital for treatment. He has since been discharged.

The suspect, from Garsington, was arrested later that day and released on bail until September 16.

Investigating officer Det Con Christopher Gulvin said: "The area was very busy and many people were present at the time.

"Police are aware that two men helped the victim and provided first aid, and I would like to trace these men as they may have information which could help the investigation.

"I have no doubt that many people witnessed this incident but as the victim was not aware immediately how serious his injury was they have dismissed the incident as trivial."

Witnesses with information are asked to call 101.

Murder attempt charge at court

A 25-YEAR-OLD woman has been charged with attempted murder following a car crash in Oxford on July 28.

The woman, from Temple Cowley, was charged and remanded in custody to appear at Banbury Magistrates Court on July 30.

It comes after a 45-year-old man was injured in a car collision at around 1am on July 27 in Blackbird Leys.

Two other women from Oxford, age 50 and 26, were both charged with affray and appeared at Banbury Magistrates Court on the same day.

All three were scheduled to appear at Oxford Crown Court at 10am yesterday for the start of the trial.

Building work on new homes reaches pinnacle

• *The topping out ceremony marks the next stage of construction for 80 new homes in Witney*

A DEVELOPMENT of 80 new homes in Witney has marked the latest stage of its construction with a topping out ceremony.

Housing group GreenSquare celebrated the construction of the homes, being built on Station Lane, reaching their highest point on July 25.

The development, known as Fernleigh, will feature a mix of one and two-bedroom apartments for people aged 55 and over, with work set to be completed by spring 2015.

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And the topping out ceremony marks the transition to the next construction phase to make the building weather-tight so work on the interior can start.

Warwick Robinson, West Oxfordshire District Council's cabinet member for planning and housing, was pleased with the development's progress.

He said: "Homes such as Fernleigh in Witney can make a tremendous difference for older people who rely on care support, but wish to remain living independently in their own homes for as long as possible.

"The council is very proud to be associated with these two developments and we are looking forward to seeing them open their doors next spring."

Howard Toplis, chief executive of GreenSquare, said: "We're excited to reach the topping out phase for this development.

"They have been specifically designed to meet the needs of older residents, enabling people who need a little extra help to continue to live independently in their own home."

The ceremony comes a week after work began to build a retirement village in Thorney Leys, which is set to provide housing for around 240 older people.

GreenSquare is also building 44 one and two-bedroom apartments for the over 55s in Green Lane, Milton-under-Wychwood, alongside their work in Witney.

Judith Heathcoat, Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for adult social care, added: "People want to live independently for as long as they can.

"Extra care housing schemes like Fernleigh mean that people can continue to live in their own homes with their personal and familiar items around them and yet have the extra assistance they might need close at hand."

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Tennis sessions

WITNEY: Tennis sessions are being held in Witney throughout the summer.

They aim to encourage adults and children to try their hand at the sport.

The sessions are taking place at the Leys Recreation Ground.

A professional coach will be offering tips and advice on how to play tennis.

Each session costs £4.50, with equipment provided on the day.

For more information, go to tennisoxford.com/witney.

RAF Voyager

BRIZE NORTON: A ceremony marking the Voyager aircraft's new operational capability was held at RAF Brize Norton on July 30.

The Voyager can now refuel the C-130 Hercules aircraft.

A formal signing marked the Voyager's graduation.

Air commodore David Lee said: "Voyager represents a quantum leap in capability and reliability, and will be essential to UK defence outputs."

The RAF Voyager is the UK's strategic air tanker and protected passenger aircraft.

Council meeting

WITNEY: A planning and development meeting at Witney Town Council is due to be held next Tuesday.

It runs from 6pm until about 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

It marks the last meeting held by the town council until September 2.

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Hundreds flock to Witney for beer fest

AROUND 700 people visited Cogges Manor Farm last Friday and Saturday for their third annual beer and cider festival.

More than 40 beers and ciders from nearby breweries and a mix of live music were on offer.

"It was a fantastic event," said Cogges director Colin Shone.

"It was really well attended, great music, a real community atmosphere, and enjoyed by all.

"At heart, it's a reason for people who know and love Cogges to come together and enjoy a pint of beer and some good music."

He added: "We introduced a summer bar this year and a lot of people really enjoyed that, so we're really pleased with the new things that we've done.

"We're really happy with how it went and the lovely feedback from visitors, so worth doing and booked in the diary for next year."

Money raised at the festival will go towards maintaining the farm.

• *Hundreds visited Cogges at the weekend for their annual beer and cider festival*

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Retrial in Jayden case for Ben Blakeley's brother

A RETRIAL will be held in the case of Didcot teenager Jake Blakeley, who stands accused of helping his brother Ben bury 17-year-old Jayden Parkinson.

A decision was made at Oxford Crown Court on Friday that there would be another trial earmarked to start on January 19, 2015.

Blakeley, of Venners Water in Didcot, who turned 18 last month, admitted perverting the cause of justice but denies preventing a lawful burial.

A jury failed to reach a verdict in the case on July 25.

But his 22-year-old brother Ben Blakeley, of Christchurch Road, Reading, was found guilty of her murder and given a life sentence.

Defending Jake Blakeley, Martin Steen QC said: "The Crown has reached a conclusion – they want a retrial."

During the 19-day trial last month Jake Blakeley told the court he helped his brother dig two graves used to bury her body – one in the Upton field where she was killed and one in the cemetery in Didcot by All Saints' Church where she was found on December 18.

But he denies knowing the holes were to bury Jayden.

He said he believed they were to bury weapons and a dog and cat.

Police investigated for handling of Jayden case

• VICTIM: Jayden Parkinson

• MURDERER: Ben Blakeley

FIVE police officers are being investigated for an inquiry into how Thames Valley Police dealt with the disappearance of pregnant Didcot teenager Jayden Parkinson.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) published an investigation update last week about the force's actions between December 4 and December 12 last year.

The 17-year-old was reported missing on December 4.

Her ex-boyfriend Ben Blakelely was arrested for her murder on December 12 when the case was transferred to the force's Major Crime Team.

Blakeley, 22, of Christchurch Road, Reading, was found guilty of her murder by a jury at Oxford Crown Court on July 24 after debating for over 20 hours.

He strangled her in an Upton field on December 3.

IPCC Associate Commissioner Guido Liguori said: "Jayden's family continue to go through an incredibly difficult time, and I again offer my condolences to them.

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"Now that the murder trial has concluded, we can provide a clearer picture of our investigation and the progress that has been made in recent months in parallel with Thames Valley Police's criminal investigation.

"As well as examining the individual actions of officers and staff in response to Jayden being reporting missing and whether these were appropriate, our investigation has also been looking at the force's policies and systems around missing person reports.

"There is still work to do and it is vital that we establish as full a picture as we can as to how the force responded to Jayden being reported missing, and the contact officers and staff had with her and Ben Blakeley in the months before her murder."

Five officers have been served with misconduct notices and interviews with them are underway.

The investigation was widened in April this year to cover complaints from Jayden's mother about her daughter's contact with police in 2013 and whether the responses were appropriate.

Jayden broke up with Blakeley on November 21 before she discovered she was pregnant.

On November 27 she went to police and gave a statement which said she was "terrified" he was going to post naked photos and videos of her online.

Thames Valley Police spokesman Rhianne Pope said: "Thames Valley Police referred the matter to the IPCC on 14 December, 2013, and an independent investigation began.

"Due to the IPCC's ongoing investigation it would be inappropriate for Thames Valley Police to comment at this time."

The investigation is also examining the force's response to concerns about Blakeley and alleged threats made against Jayden, members of her family or other people in 2013.

TIMELINE:

DECEMBER 3:
- Jayden was last seen on CCTV with Ben Blakeley arriving at Didcot Parkway railway station at 4.27pm.

DECEMBER 4:
- Jayden was reported missing by staff at Iffley Road hostel One Foot Forward where she was staying.
- She was considered to be a medium risk missing person for the first week of her disappearance.
- Ben Blakeley was arrested and interviewed later the same day in connection to an allegation that he had taken indecent images of Jayden, but was later released on bail.

DECEMBER 10:
- Jayden was recategorised as a high risk missing person.

DECEMBER 11:
- Blakeley was arrested on suspicion of kidnapping Jayden but was later released on bail.

DECEMBER 12:
- The missing person investigation was transferred to the Thames Valley Police force's Major Crime Team.
- Blakeley was arrested on suspicion of murder.

DECEMBER 18:
- Jayden's body was found in the grave of Blakeley's uncle Alan Kennedy in a cemetery by All Saints' Church in Didcot's Lydalls Road.

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Body found

BANBURY: The body of a man, believed to be that of a missing Banbury resident, has been found in a car in Cambridgeshire.

Police in Cambridgeshire found the body while searching a ditch near the town of Chatteris around 3pm on Monday.

It is believed to be the body of Andrew Lever, who went missing from his home on May 17.

The death is being treated as unexplained, but not suspicious.

Charity chefs

BICESTER: Children will take over The Trigger Pond restaurant in Bucknell on Monday to raise money for charity.

Youngsters from Langford Village Primary School will cook and serve three new dishes to their parents to fundraise for The Kids' Cookery School – a charity which teaches disadvantaged kids how to cook.

Train week

DIDCOT: Volunteers from across the UK have been descending on Didcot Railway Centre for the site's annual Work Week.

It sees people help on projects that take longer than a weekend, including painting the 1930s Branch Line station and maintaining historic trains.

The week started on Saturday and ends this Sunday.

Teens raise over £3,000 for children's hospice

• *The teenagers arriving at Pangbourne after the three-day expedition which launched from Oxford's Donnington Bridge*

By **Katriona Ormiston**
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TEENAGERS have raised more than £3,000 during a three-day canoeing challenge for the children's hospice caring for their seriously ill brothers and sisters.

The nine youngsters, aged 13 to 16, finished the 50km feat on Friday for Helen and Douglas House Hospice in Magdalen Road.

It saw them paddle two canoes from Donnington Bridge in Oxford to Pangbourne in Berkshire.

Roy Rangarirai, 15, from Headington, said watching his 12-year-old sister playing happily at the hospice made the effort worthwhile.

He said: "Anita really enjoys going there to do arts and crafts and things, it is really nice to see her enjoying herself.

"The canoeing challenge was really good, we worked well as a team.

"You knew that everyone else is in the same situation so it was really motivational."

Anita was born with the spinal disorder spina bifida which left her paralysed from the waist down and developed hydrocephalus – excess fluid surrounding the brain.

She has been supported by the hospice since she was three years old.

Roy and Anita's mum Abi Rangarirai and dad Kudzai Rangarirai waved him off at the start of the expedition.

Mrs Rangarirai said: "It is fantastic, especially for children of their age, to think of doing something so worthwhile like that.

"I'm really proud of Roy for doing the challenge."

She added: "Helen and Douglas House is one of the few places I feel comfortable leaving Anita and she loves it there.

"It is so important to us – in 2009 I lost my mum in Zimbabwe and I had never really left Anita with anyone before, but leaving her at Helen and Douglas House meant I managed to go to my mum's funeral and I didn't have to worry about Anita because I knew she was being well looked after."

Also among the group was 14-year-old Andrew Bailey, from Blackcroft in Wantage.

He was supporting 17-year-old brother Sam Bailey who has muscle weakening condition Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

The teenagers, who camped in Abingdon and Wallingford as part of the expedition, were from Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hartfordshire, North Hampshire.

Helen and Douglas House spokesman Bobbie Stormont said: "When they came in from the challenge on Friday we heard them before we could see them, they were chanting away.

"They looked tired but in high spirits and I think they were all incredibly proud of what they achieved.

"There was a lot of splashing – I don't think many of them came in dry."

• *(Left to right) Abi Rangarirai, Kudzai Rangarirai, Roy Rangarirai, 15, and (front) Anita Rangarirai, 12*

Man arrested after woman hospitalised in an attack near Bicester

A 43-YEAR-old man has been arrested on suspicion of assault after a woman was left needing hospital treatment in Ambrosden, near Bicester, last month.

At around 2.15am on July 19, the woman, aged in her 30s, was assaulted by a man in Briar Furlong.

She suffered swelling to her head and face and bruising to her body after the assault.

The woman was taken to the Horton General Hospital in Banbury for treatment.

She has since been discharged.

The suspect has been bailed until August 24.

It is understood the woman was spoken to by a member of the public around the time of the assault.

Thames Valley Police are keen to speak to that person for information about the incident.

He was about 5ft 6ins tall, around 17-years-old, with blond hair swept over to one side.

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Children's activities prove a hit

MORE than 100 young people have been enjoying new activities in Carterton over the summer holidays.

The Get Stuck In project has run visits to Cotswold Wildlife Park and Wiltshire's Longleat Safari Park, as well as learning new skills at Carterton Community College.

It is part of a West Oxfordshire District Council scheme to create more opportunities for young people in the area.

Zach Paul, nine, has been creating a model set during a photography session, and he said: "I've had lots of fun, it's really interesting."

WODC councillor Richard Langridge said: "This holiday scheme is plugging a gap to offer young people in Carterton exciting opportunities."

He added: "The small group of teaching staff that provide support throughout the three weeks should be congratulated for going the extra mile."

• Zach Paul

Life-saving sisters' skills prove vital

By Adam Flinn
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TEENAGE sisters from Abingdon put their life-saving skills to the test in recent weeks in two separate emergencies in the town.

Rebekah Durnall, 16, and her 14-year-old sister Lauryn, both came across people in need of first aid in Abingdon over the past two months.

The pair volunteer as cadets at the Wantage St John Ambulance Unit.

Rebekah was walking home from a GCSE exam at Fitzharrys School in June when she came across an elderly lady lapsing in and out of consciousness.

An ambulance had been called, so Rebekah helped the lady's husband to lie her down on a bench and raise her legs so she couldn't roll onto the floor.

Rebekah continued to talk to the lady and reassure her until the ambulance arrived.

She said: "Before I'd probably have panicked and not been able to help!"

She added: "I like that cadets has given me the ability to help people with first aid if they need it."

It was only afterwards Rebekah found out the lady was the grandmother of one of her friends, and received a thank you card a few days later.

And on July 19, Lauryn and her mum Kerry witnessed a three-car collision in Abingdon.

Lauryn helped a driver who had suffered a shoulder injury in the accident, while her mum called for an ambulance.

She said: "I already know by doing first aid duties at local events that I really enjoy the type of work."

Wantage Cadets unit manager Christine Warboys, said: "Lauryn and Rebekah are both wonderful role models and have shown how stepping in and using their first aid can help and reassure those who need it.

"We believe more youngsters should learn these life saving skills and they have demonstrated exactly why it's so important."

• Lauryn (left) and Rebekah Durnall

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Event grants

VALE OF WHITE HORSE: Community events are being offered a share of £10,000.

Organisations can apply for up to £1,000 from Vale of White Horse District Council to cover costs running an event.

Shrivenham's Flying Pig Festival and Great Coxwell's Live at the Tithe have benefited from funding so far.

Council leader Matthew Barber said: "This is an excellent opportunity for any community groups to get a financial boost for their event."

Safe and well

OXON: Two people who went missing in Oxfordshire have been found safe and well.

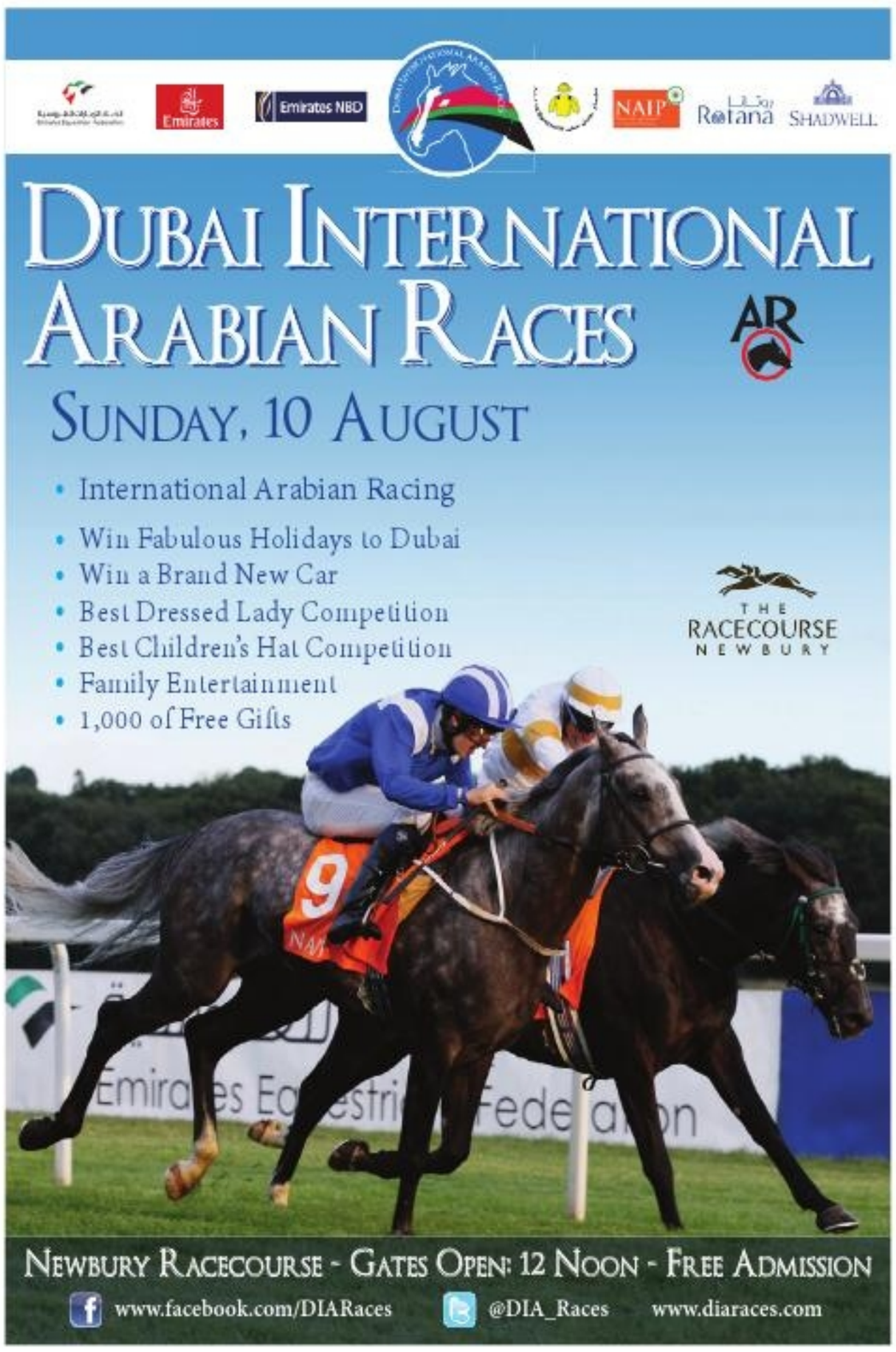
Henley teenager Leoni Kennedy and Blackthorn man Gregory Wand were both found on Monday morning, after going missing in separate incidents.

SCAS governors

OXON: South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) is looking for candidates to be a governor of the trust.

Six public governors from Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Hampshire will be elected later this year.

Anyone who wants to stand can attend a workshop in Bicester on September 8. For more information, email get-involved@scas.nhs.uk.



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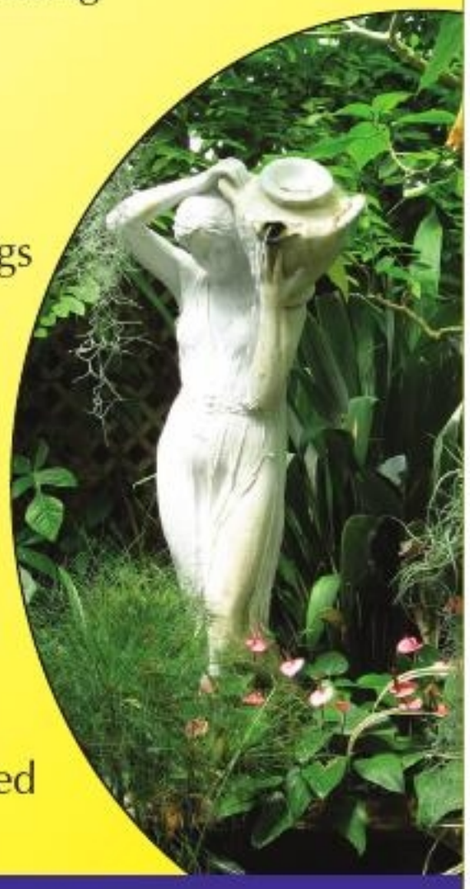

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Gaming is not bad for kids - researchers say

By Adam Flinn
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RESEARCHERS at Oxford University have found playing video games could actually be beneficial for children, leading to them becoming better-adjusted people.

Results of the study of 5,000 youngsters aged between 10 and 15 were published last week.

It found those who played the games for less than an hour a day saw improvements in their social skills.

This was contrary to children who played for more than three hours a day, or who didn't play video games at all.

Those who played for between one and three hours a day saw no positive or negative effects to their social skills.

The results suggested three quarters of British children play video games every day.

It said those who spent more than half of their free time playing them were not as well adjusted.

It speculates this could be because they miss out on other social activities, or because they see inappropriate content designed for adults.

Study author Dr Andrew Przybylski, of the Oxford Internet Institute, said: "These results support recent laboratory-based experiments that have identified the downsides to playing electronic games.

"However, high levels of video game playing appear to be only weakly linked to children's behavioural problems in the real world.

"Likewise, the small, positive effects we observed for low levels of play on electronic games do not support the idea that video games on their own can help children develop in an increasingly digital world.

"Some of the positive effects identified in past gaming research were mirrored in this data but the effects were quite small, suggesting that any benefits may be limited to a narrow range of action games.

"Further research needs to be carried out to look closely at the specific attributes of games that make them beneficial or harmful."

Previous research has said around half of young people in the UK play video games for less than an hour a day.

One third play for between one and three hours, while 10 to 15 per cent play for more than half of their free time per day.

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Bike and fun day

BICESTER: The third annual Bicester Bike and Family Fun Day is set to be held at Pingle Field on August 30.

This year's event will include a 'Tour de Bicester' family cycle ride around the town, along with a barbecue and craft activities.

It is due to run from 11am to 3pm. For more information, go to nwbicester.co.uk.

Photo exhibition

OXFORD: Three photography exhibitions are to be held at Oxford Brookes University as part of Photography Oxford 2014 in September and October.

World Press Photo will see a number of journalistic pictures on display, On Solid Ground tells the stories of unfamiliar cities, and Home is about how someone represents where they are from.

For more details on any of the exhibitions, go to photography-oxford.co.uk.

Free sports

WHEATLEY: Free sport sessions for the over 60s are being held at The Park Sports Centre throughout August.

Residents can try table tennis and racquet ball from 10am this Monday, tai chi on August 18 and dancing on August 25.

To book a place or for more information, contact the sports centre on 01865 872128.

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Oxford Brookes vice chancellor to leave university next year

• *Professor Janet Beer*

VICE chancellor of Oxford Brookes University Professor Janet Beer will leave her post in January next year, it was announced last Thursday.

Professor Beer has been with Oxford Brookes for the past seven years.

She will take up a similar role at the University of Liverpool on January 31, 2015.

Speaking about her departure, Professor Beer said: "I have had the most extraordinary seven years at Oxford Brookes, working with colleagues dedicated to the pursuit of the highest standards.

"The university landscape has changed immensely over the last few years and one of the things I am most proud of is the way in which we have, at Brookes, risen to every challenge that has been thrown at us.

"The way in which everyone in this university feels themselves to be a part of a common endeavour is a very special feature of life at Brookes, and one that I will miss."

Geoffrey Donnelly, chair of the board of governors, said: "Janet has given inspirational and dedicated leadership during her seven-year tenure with us.

"I wish to thank her for all that she has done for the university."

The recruitment process for a new vice chancellor is expected to begin shortly.

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Palace cyclists

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The Blenheim Palace Sportive and Family Cycle Day will see riders take on a 60 or 100 mile route through the Cotswolds, while family members and supporters can take their bike around the palace grounds.

Get snapping!

OXON: Photographers in Oxfordshire are being encouraged to get out into the woods and take part in a competition over the summer.

The Woodland Trust has launched the Wild Summer Photography Competition to capture a picture of the wild summer for a chance to win a holiday in Cornwall.

To enter, go to woodlandtrust.org.uk/wildsummer.

Poppins week

OXFORD: The Story Museum is celebrating Mary Poppins next week, with a number of family activities planned at the Pembroke Street site.

Instalments of the first Mary Poppins book will be read aloud each day from 3pm, while children can get creative by making their own bags.

For more information and a full list of events, go to storymuseum.org.uk.

Century mile triumph in Phil's fourth challenge for his wife

By Dan Church
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A MAN from Oxfordshire won the 2014 Grim Reaper 100 Mile race in Lincolnshire last Friday, as part of a gruelling challenge to promote organ donation on behalf of his wife.

Phil Marshall, 31, from King's Sutton, was taking part in his first century mile event to raise awareness for his partner Sarah, 33, after she was diagnosed with Pulmonary Hypertension in September 2013.

He is not looking to raise any money but Phil wants to encourage people to think about what they want to happen to their organs when they die and talk about it with their loved ones.

• *Phil Marshall in action and (inset) holding the trophy aloft after winning the Grim Reaper 100 mile race in Lincolnshire*

Phil, who works as the Barclays bank manager in Banbury, said: "It was a great event, really well organised and well supported.

"It had a really good atmosphere and it was a really fun thing to take part in, although it was one of the hardest things I've ever done.

"But I really enjoyed it and it was an amazing shock to win it in the end."

Phil has already completed the Silverstone Half Marathon, Milton Keynes Marathon and the 85-mile Parish Walk on The Isle of Man.

The Grim Reaper Run was his fourth challenge.

He only took up running 18 months ago, and was in 11th place nearing the 50-mile mark before taking the lead with 30 miles to go to post an impressive time of 18 hours and 31 minutes.

Pulmonary Hypertension is a very rare and incurable heart and lung condition of raised blood pressure in the blood vessels that supply the lungs, and usually entails a life expectancy of two to 10 years.

Sarah, who was a primary school teacher until the illness caused her to give up her job, added: "When I was first diagnosed it was a huge shock.

"However it has taught me to be more positive and appreciative of my life. We're just getting on with enjoying our lives and making the most of everything."

To find out more about their story, visit igiveyoumyheart.org.

Mayor's Column

Scott Wilgrove
Mayor of Didcot

Busy month for the mayor

THIS month has continued to be busy and I have attended some lovely events and met some lovely people. You can read more details on my blog at didcot.gov.uk, but I would like to mention three in particular.

The teddy bears' picnic at the Railway Centre was a brilliant day. You may have seen pictures of me in my bear onesie and I can confirm that yes, I was very hot, but it was great fun day and it was good to see so many families there.

I hope many of them will come back throughout the year and spend some time in the learning centre as well as enjoying the trains.

Secondly I have to mention our own Didcot Town Fayre. As part of the working group that organised the event, I know the huge amount of work that went into its organisation and it was all worthwhile to see so many community organisations and local people enjoying the sunshine together.

We were amazingly lucky with the weather as all around were experiencing thunderstorms and torrential rain , but Didcot had blue skies with a gentle breeze.

Finally, I have to mention the demolition of the cooling towers. I watched this momentous event with family and friends at the Railway Centre and it really was the end of an era as for many of us they had been part of the Didcot landscape for the whole of our lives. I know their loss will be mourned by many.

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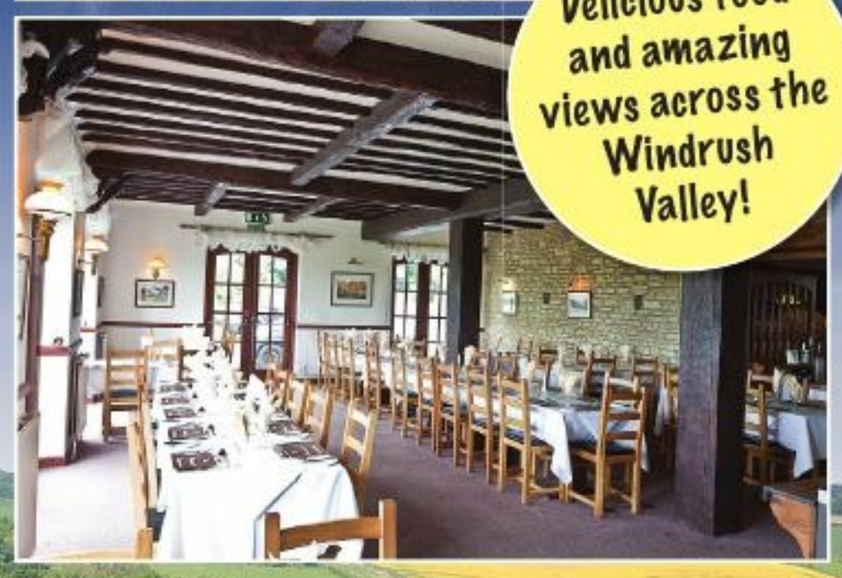

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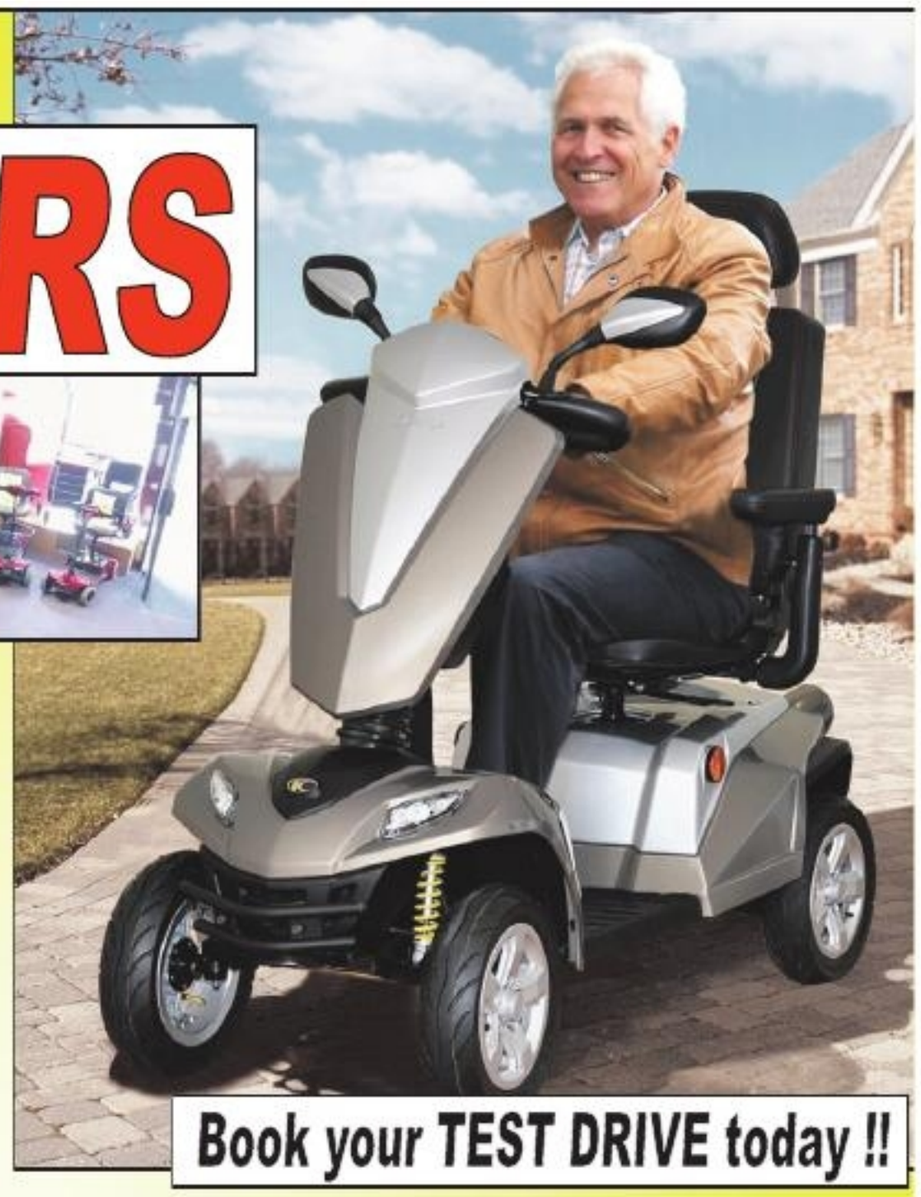

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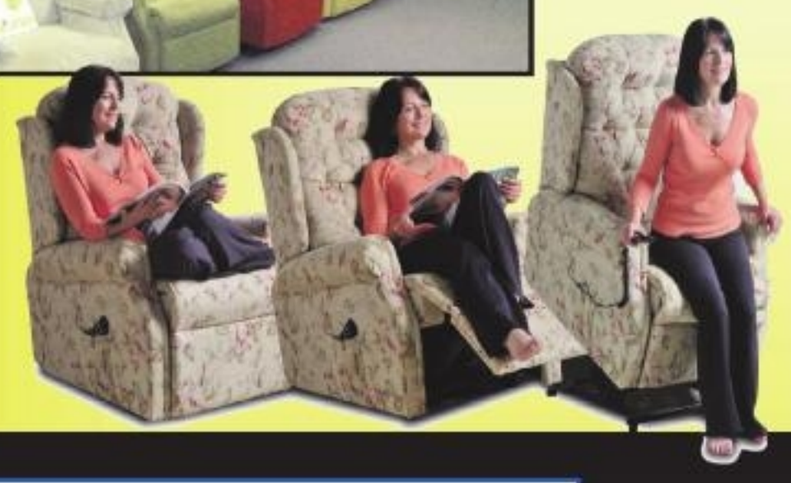

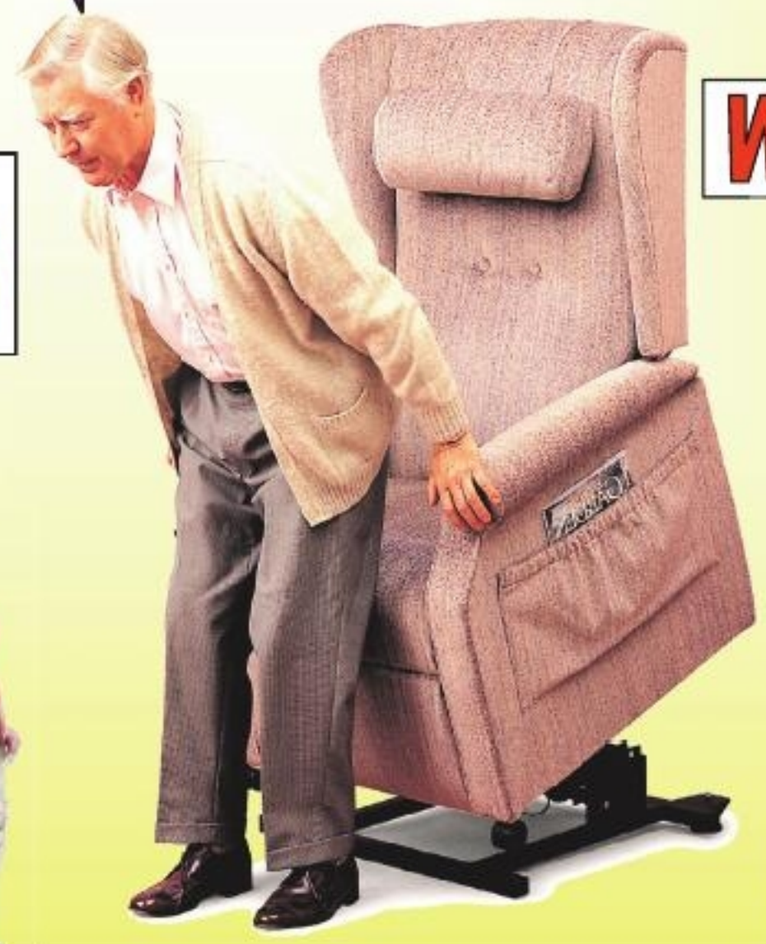

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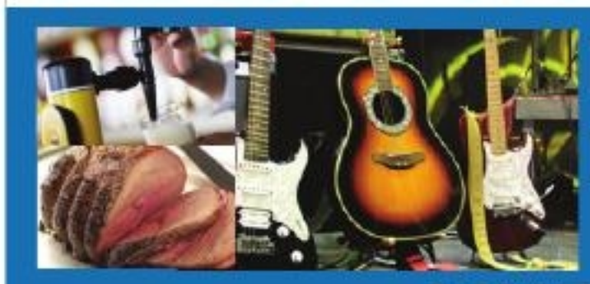

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Didcot college approved

PLANS to build a University Technical College (UTC) at the heart of a Didcot housing estate have been given the go ahead by councillors.

Education group Activate Learning can now start building the UTC on Great Western Park.

They hope to open in September 2015.

Vale of White Horse District Council's planning committee approved the project last Wednesday, subject to a condition about sewerage infrastructure.

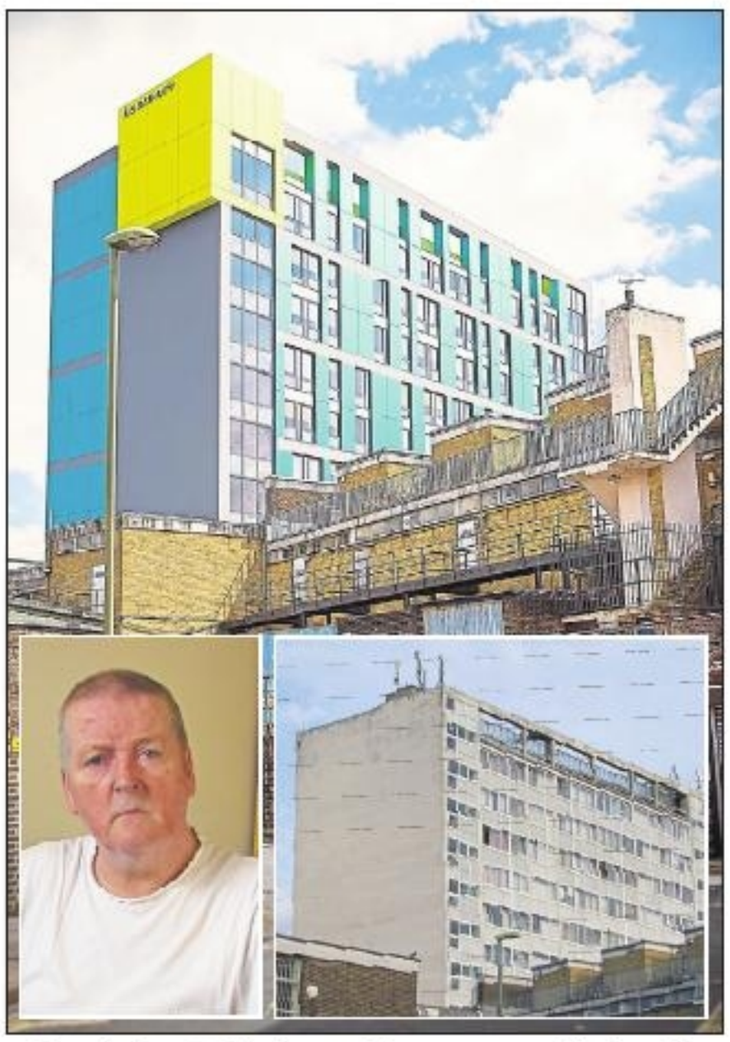
Activate Learning has been told a temporary sewerage system must be built on site and connected to the estate's pipes once they are upgraded by utility company Thames Water.

Didcot Town Council objected to the plans because of insufficient sewerage infrastructure.

Chair of the Vale's planning committee, Robert Sharp, said: "There has got to be a temporary solution at the moment and once the sewers are sorted out they have got to connect to it within a few months."

The UTC will means students aged 14 to 19 can specialise in one of three areas – art and design, technology, and engineering.

Tower designs on show to residents



• *New designs for Hockmore Tower compared to how it looks now and (inset left) resident James Keaveney*

RESIDENTS who live in five residential towers in Oxford which are set for a major redevelopment have been viewing plans for their design this week.

Exhibitions were held on Monday, Tuesday and yesterday for the Plowman, Foresters and Hockmore towers, with the final meeting taking place in Blackbird Leys today for the Evenlode and Windrush towers.

Oxford City Council, who own the towers, is planning on spending more than £18million redeveloping the exterior of all five blocks, as well as making a number of improvements inside.

The council has been consulting with residents for the past year on the tower to gain feedback on what changes they would like to see.

This has included enclosed balconies that can open up in the summer and updated heating systems, as well as improving the external look of the tower.

James Keaveney, resident and block representative for Hockmore Tower, said: "I reckon it's a very good idea.

"They were going to knock them down, that was the plan until about five years ago.

By **Adam Flinn**
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"But these are solid old buildings, and a lot of people actually do like living here.

"They're going to redo the kitchens and bathrooms, tidy up the front and once they do the cladding, it will help with the energy bills as well."

It is hoped that work on the towers will be completed by 2018, with the development expected to start next spring.

Jack Bradley, the council's project lead for the redevelopment, said: "The feedback on the towers have been very positive.

"We wanted to say to the residents, 'come and have a look and see what you've influenced, what your feedback has resulted in'.

"It's a progression of the council looking a number of years back at what repairs needed doing to the blocks, and taking the opportunity to improve them."

The final meeting is scheduled to be held at Blackbird Leys Community Centre between 4pm and 7pm today, showing plans for the Evenlode and Windrush towers.

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Board games

OXFORD: A day of board, card and tabletop games is due to take place at Wolvercote Village Hall on Saturday.

It is being organised by the Oxford Meeples, a group of enthusiasts who play various tabletop games throughout the year.

Entry is free.

For more details, go to oxfordmeeples.org.

Robin Gibb album

BEE Gees' Robin Gibb's last solo album is to be released next month.

It will include the Oxfordshire artist's last recorded, and as yet unheard, song.

Gibb, who died in 2012, was buried in the Thame churchyard of St Mary the Virgin opposite his home.

The album, named 50 St Catherine's Drive after the house he was born in on the Isle of Man, was put together by his son and widow.

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Road rage attack

FULBROOK: Police are looking for a man in connection with a road rage assault, after another man was pushed at the mini-roundabout in Fulbook, near Burford.

The victim sounded the horn of his car at a driver of a Land Rover who failed to give way at around 4.25pm on July 27.

The driver then got out of his car before pushing and shouting at the victim, who was uninjured in the assault.

Anyone with information is asked to call 101.

Architect award

OXFORD: A student from the Oxford Brookes School of Architecture has won a prize for excellence from the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA).

James Palmer, 21, received the Leslie Jones Memorial Prize after impressing judges with his designs for an academic music centre in a neglected area of Porto, Portugal.

For the project, James conducted a number of studies on Porto involving acoustics, ceramics and how the building would fit into the city.

Post office move

BURFORD: The town's post office is due to move up the High Street later this month.

The current branch at 83 High Street will close on August 28 at 5.30pm, before reopening at 1pm the following day inside Burford News at 107 High Street.

It will be open seven days a week following the move.

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Baby escapes car-flip M40 crash uninjured

• *The Fiat Punto after the crash with child seat intact*

By **Dan Church**
news@oxfordshireguardian.co.uk

A ONE-year old toddler miraculously escaped unhurt after a horrific traffic collision on the M40 near Bicester last week.

Firefighters rescued the toddler from the Fiat Punto which flipped over southbound near junction 10 just after 5pm on Monday, July 28.

A passenger was able to free himself from the wreckage before releasing the boy, both of whom were uninjured.

Two Banbury fire and rescue crews and another from Deddington were called to rescue the driver from the car.

They took off the car doors and roof before she was freed and carried out using a spine board.

A passing doctor helped at the scene before the ambulance and trauma-trained firefighters arrived.

Incident commander Kerry Blair, from Oxfordshire County Council Fire and Rescue Service, said seatbelts and the child seat the boy was strapped into saved their lives.

She said: "This collision could have had a fatal outcome if all of the vehicle's occupants were not wearing seatbelts.

"Children are particularly vulnerable in road traffic collisions and if the child seat in question had not been fitted correctly on this occasion then things could have been very different.

"This should act as a reminder to everybody, regardless of the length of a journey, that it is absolutely essential to wear a seatbelt and ensure a child's car seat is correctly fitted.

"People could risk serious injury or even death if they act against this advice."

Blair added: "Children can be thrown forward at great force during a road traffic collision, which could seriously injure or kill them or other passengers.

"Many retailers offer a car seat fitting service and I cannot recommend highly enough to people that they should take advantage of such a service."

MP's Corner

John Howell
MP for Henley

A comment on benefit claims

I WAS shocked by letters in my local paper in Thame in my constituency which made disparaging remarks about young mothers and their children which, it was claimed, were being brought up as the next generation of benefits claimants.

I took exception to this as the negative stereotyping of young people.

To make assumptions about people and their lives from street observations is shallow and so often misjudged.

Such assumptions perhaps tell us more about the observer than the observed. They are also so out-of-date.

Responses to a local residents survey I had conducted indicated that making sure there are opportunities for young people was a priority.

Young people face tough times. They get a bad press despite much good work that many do.

We have done well in dealing with this issue.

The number of people claiming unemployment benefit in Henley and Thame has fallen year on year, and for 18 to 24-year-olds the figure for July this year for both towns was just 15 claimants.

This shows how the government plan to get people off benefits and into work is itself working.

The government pledged to make it more attractive to be in work than on benefits.

However there are some people who do genuinely need help. It is a mark of a civilised society that we help those who genuinely cannot support themselves and I am pleased that the reform of the welfare system aims to do just that.

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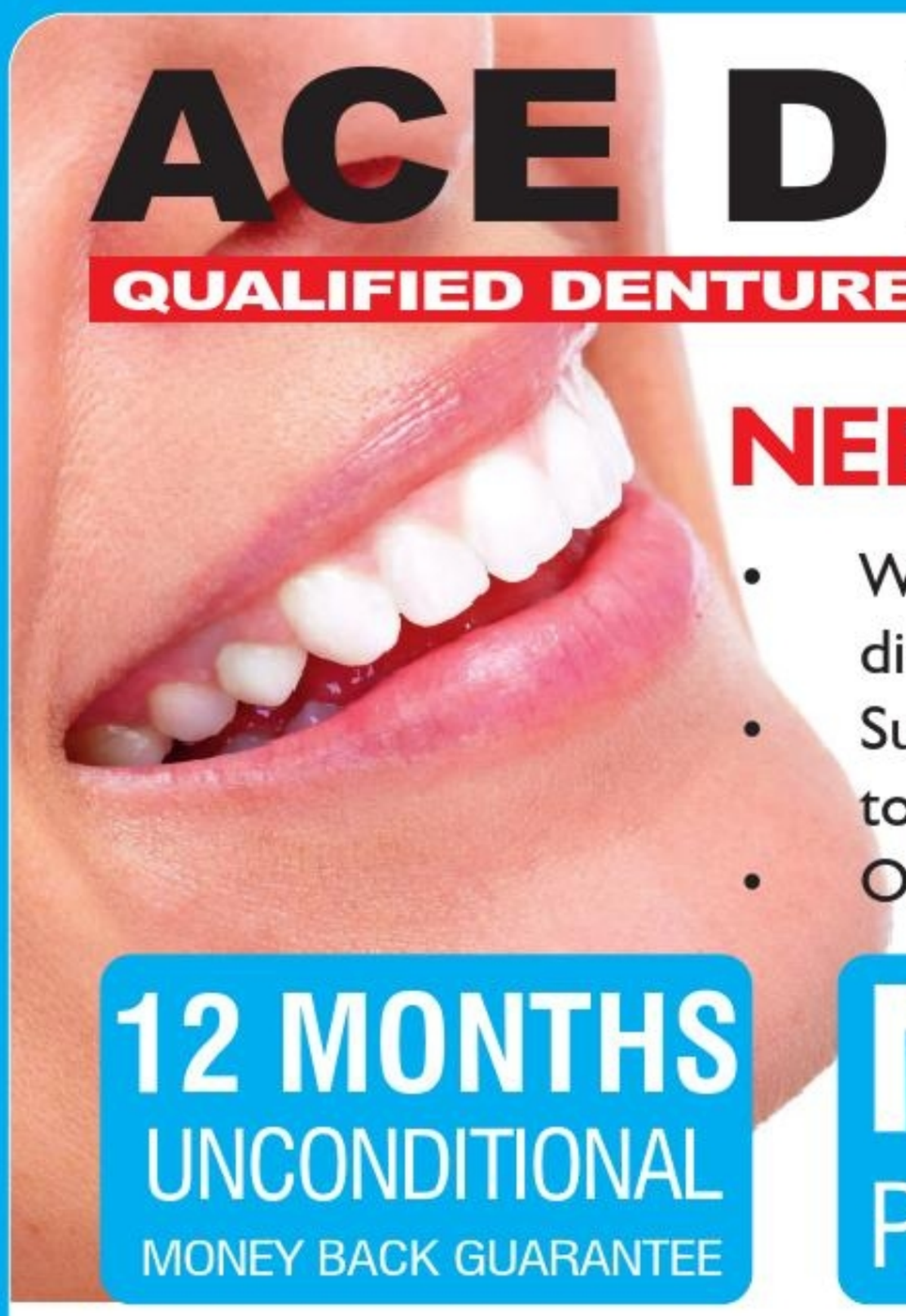

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• *The cast of Avenue Q comes to the New Theatre from Monday. See overleaf.*

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Avenue Q is in town

A GROUP of cheeky puppets take centre stage at the New Theatre in Oxford from Monday, as the West End musical Avenue Q brings its UK tour to the city.

By Adam Flinn
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Created by American songwriters Jeff Marx and Robert Lopez, Avenue Q takes the concept of shows like Sesame Street and the Muppets and fills it with mischief, bad behaviour and political incorrectness.

The puppets are living in a downmarket New York street, and bright-eyed college graduate Princeton has just moved to the area to try to follow his dreams.

And the distractions of Avenue Q lead Princeton on a hilarious journey of self-discovery.

"It's like Sesame Street for grown-ups really," said Lucie-Mae Sumner, who plays Kate Monster and Lucy the Slut in the show.

"The show's about real life and learning real life skills rather than your ABCs.

"It's a little bit rude though, and it does involve full puppet nudity at one point, so probably best not to bring the kids."

The tour began in April, and will have been all over the country before it arrives in Oxford.

This is the first time Lucie-Mae has worked with Avenue Q, although she knew about the show beforehand.

"I was very familiar with it," she added. "I think you have to be in order to even audition for it because the voices are very specific.

"It's a mickey take, so you need a sense of what it is you're doing, and anyway I was a massive fan of it in the West End.

"I've done the odd bit of comedy but no puppetry really, not to this extent. It was a completely new skill but one that I was keen to learn."

Shows at Oxford run from Sunday to August 16. For more details, go to newtheatreoxford.org.uk.

• Lucie-May Sumner with Kate Monster

US punk rock

AMERICAN punk rock band NOFX are back for a UK tour, which comes to Oxford's O2 Academy tomorrow evening.

The group have been performing since 1983, with the line-up currently including Mike Burkett, Eric Melvin, Aaron Abeyta and Erik Sandin.

Doors open at 7pm at the Cowley Road venue, and is followed by an aftershow party at 10.30pm.

Theatre class

CHIPPING Norton Theatre is hosting a musical theatre week from Monday, as well as an acting masterclass at the venue.

Youngsters can learn tips for performing on stage, culminating in a final production at the end of the week.

For further details, go to chippingnortontheatre.co.uk.

Comedy club

TWO acts for this Saturday night's line-up at the Oxford Glee Club have been confirmed.

Tim Clark and Steve Gribbin are set to perform at the Hythe Bridge Street club.

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Cinema buffs to grab reins

FILM fans in Oxford can take control of what they want to watch on the big screen in a new scheme coming to the Phoenix Picturehouse.

By Adam Flinn
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Ourscreen is letting cinema goers at 13 venues nationwide choose what they want to see from a choice of more than 200 films.

They then share their chosen screening with the public or family and friends, and if enough people book tickets then the screening goes ahead.

It is hoped the project will be implemented at the Phoenix Picturehouse on a permanent basis if it proves to be popular.

Ian Cartwright, director of ourscreen, said: "Cinemas are competing with more and more home entertainment providers, but it's hard to beat seeing a good film in all its glory on the big screen.

"We wanted to empower film fans and local communities to create and attend screenings at their local cinema.

"We are great supporters of the cinema industry and local exhibitors so we wanted to design something that would be a quick and easy way for everyone to make the cinema truly theirs."

Films currently available to choose from include the 1984 classic 'The Terminator', Ben Stiller's 'Zoolander', and comedy drama 'The Grand Budapest Hotel', released earlier this year.

As well as in Oxford, ourscreen is also being offered at the Regal Picturehouse in Henley, as well as in London, Bath, Brighton, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Exeter, Liverpool, Norwich, Southampton, Stratford-upon-Avon and York.

Ian added: "We offer more choice and flexibility to film-goers' cinema experience and we are thrilled to be able to share this platform in 13 cities around the country from today, with more to follow throughout the summer.

"We are very excited about being part of the future of cinema."

For more details or to set up a screening, go to ourscreen.com.

Oxfordshire festival season is well underway

OXFORDSHIRE'S annual Wilderness and Fairport's Cropredy Convention music festivals get underway today, with thousands of visitors expected to attend.

Wilderness, at Cornbury Park, will feature music from acts including Burt Bacharach, Jessie Ware and London Grammar, alongside dozens of other performers.

It runs until Sunday, and includes a mix of talks, family activities and banquets.

Meanwhile, Fairport's Cropredy Convention, which has taken place in the North Oxfordshire village every year since 1976, returns for three days of live entertainment.

As well as the iconic folk group Fairport Convention themselves, there will also be performances from Chas and Dave and The Australian Pink Floyd Show, among others.

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• The Wilderness Festival (pictured) and Fairport's Cropredy Convention both start today

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Age guideline: 4 to 8
www.oxfordplayhouse.com

13 Sep 2014, 7:45 pm
Music at the Barn, Witney
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13 Sep 2014, 10:00 am-3:00 pm
Music at the Barn, Witney
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14 Sep 2014-5 Oct 2014, 10:00 am-5:30 pm
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www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

20 Sep 2014
St Mary's Church, Wallingford
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20 Sep 2014-, 8:20 pm-11:00 pm
The Wheatsheaf High St Oxford
GAPPY TOOTH INDUSTRIES
20.45 Francis Pugh & The Whisky Singers
21.30 Black Juju
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24 Sep 2014-, 7:30 pm
Burton Taylor Studio
WHEN WE EMBRACED
A playful and charming show about two people. Actually, it's about you. In fact it's about everyone, but really it's about two people, one of which may be you.
Age guideline: 14+
www.oxfordplayhouse.com

26 Sep 2014-, 7:30 pm
Burton Taylor Studio
I WISH I WAS LONELY
An interactive show about contactability. A show in which the audience commit to leaving their phones on. There will be poems, there will be stories and there will be conversation. Age guideline: 14+
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27 Sep 2014
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27 Sep 2014-28 Sep 2014, 10:00 am-5:30 pm
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1 Oct 2014-, 7:30 pm
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Francesca tells stories about her beloved flat, the area it stands in, what it used to be, what it will become and the people that have populated it. It's a bit stand up, a bit biography, a bit documentation – a love affair with a local area to the tune of bad Karaoke.
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6 Oct 2014-7 Oct 2014, 7:30 pm
Burton Taylor Studio
CONSCIENTIOUS
Rebekah is back at her parents' house, holed up with her old university essays and family records. Determined to move on with her life, she begins writing the story of her great-grandfather, a World War One conscientious objector.
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25 Oct 2014, 8:20 pm-11:00 pm
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4			7	2		6	1	
		7	3		4		2	
	5	8	1			3		
6	8			3	5			7
9		5				2		6
3			2	6				8
		4			2	5	8	
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	2	6		8	3			

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	6		2		1		7	
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	3				9			8
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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

4 Appalled (6)
8 Thorn (7)
9 Try (6)
10 Compelling (9)
11 In this place (4)
13 Performed (5)
14 Gave (7)
16 In place of (7)
18 Way of speech (5)
19 Poems (4)
21 Doctor (9)
22 Pictures (6)
23 Venerated (7)
24 Strives (6)

Quick Clues Down

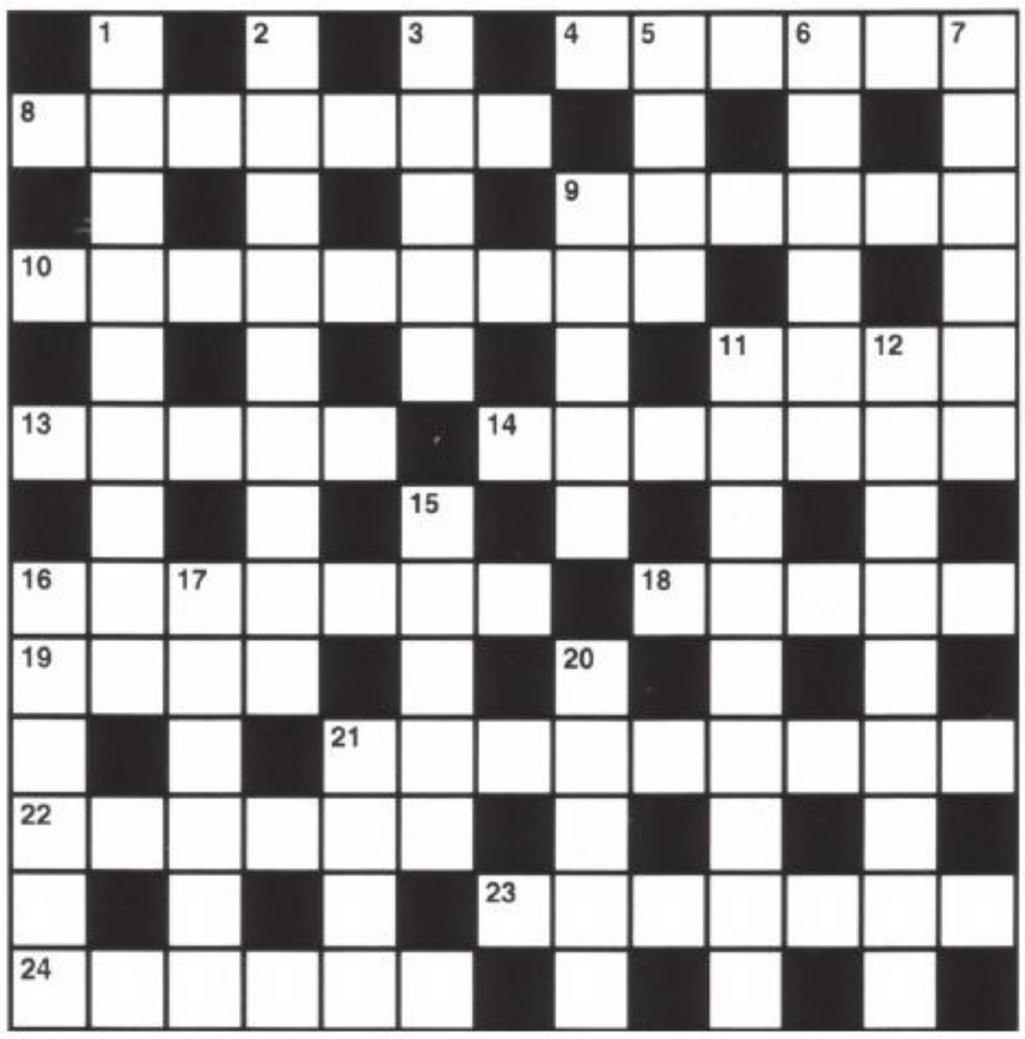
1 Surpass (9)
2 Unforeseen events (9)
3 Musical instrument (5)
5 Insect (4)
6 More spacious (6)
7 In rows (6)
9 Express contempt (5)
11 Pains (9)
12 Made new (9)
15 Ways (5)
16 Antiseptic (6)
17 Calm (6)
20 willow (5)
21 Nuisance (4)

Cryptic Clues Across

4 A religious man can be firm (6)
8 The 15 by which a judge might hold two thousand dollars? (7)
9 Food for the parasite (6)
10 Lock in the ones who are performers (9)
11 A standard flower (4)
13 Sudden thrust that with a quiet start could be a dive (5)
14 To experience again the end of the ache inside will bring comfort (7)
16 Rub around the climate (7)
18 Deserve a different mitre (5)
19 The editor, for example, goes back to the margin (4)
21 Steady! Rye cocktails can bring back the recent past (9)
22 Sounds like the larger type of mill (6)
23 Exult about a Ulyssean author, by the sound of it (7)
24 Discourages those who rested out (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Broke the great emperor, in short, about to do the old city (9)
2 Amount to an opening round Mr Peck (9)
3 Control the French wood (5)
5 Hints on putting up a barbecue? (4)
6 The clumsy performance of Napoleon initially in a call to war (6)
7 Mere upset before the example arises to come into view (6)
9 Break off relations with the visionary, and start a veto inside (5)
11 Dismiss the evidence as being incombustible (9)
12 Having overturned the cells, I do a jig - to celebrate the escape? (9)
15 Bar the last head always (5)
16 Firmly fixed as occidentally bordered (6)
17 Horrified at what the flag has to show (6)
20 Unqualified to speak? (5)
21 Time the sun's beam comes up round the East (4)



Scribble space

This week's solutions

Quick Crossword

Across: 4 Aghast 8 Prickle 9 Sample 10 Insistent 11 Here 13 Acted 14 Offered 17 Instead 18 Idiom 19 Odes 21 Physician 22 Images 23 Revered 24 Exerts

Down: 1 Transcend 2 Accidents 3 Flute 5 Gnat 6 Ampler 7 Tiered 9 Sniff 11 Headaches 12 Renovated 15 Paths 16 Iodine 17 Sedate 20 Osier 21 Pest

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 4 Stable 8 Trigger 9 Sponge 10 Actresses 11 Flag 13 Lunge 14 Relieve 16 Weather 18 Merit 19 Edge 21 Yesterday 22 Greater 23 Rejoice 24 Deters

Down: 1 Fractured 2 Aggregate 3 Leash 5 Tips 6 Bungle 7 Emerge 9 Sever 11 Fireproof 12 Avoidance 15 Lever 16 Wedged 17 Aghast 20 Utter 21 Year

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WIN tickets to Oxford's Foodies Festival!

FOODIES Festival, the UK's largest celebration of food & drink returns to Oxford South Parks, 23rd, 24th and 25th August, for a Bank Holiday celebration of the UK's finest produce, street food and culinary masters.

This year visitors can watch MasterChef winners cooking in the Aga Rangemaster Chefs Theatre, hosted by 2013 MasterChef winner Natalie Coleman. Also appearing are a varity of TV cook's and food writers all of whom will cook their signature dishes in the Chefs Theatre while explaining how home cooks can prepare the same dishes for friends and family.

For the adventurous, a Chilli Eating Challenge takes place at 5pm daily, where those brave enough are invited to try and break the current record of 13 varieties of chillies eaten in one sitting.

Exciting new features for 2014 include a spectacular Chocolate, Bake and Cake Theatre, which will host top pastry chefs, chocolatiers, bakers and sugarcraft experts.

A brand new outdoor BBQ Arena will appeal to lovers of *al fresco* dining. The stage will feature hourly cooking demonstrations and invite the audience to take part in BBQ challenges, meat-eating competitions and they can even learn how to make a BBQ Cake!

Closing date:
Friday, August 15, 2014

Foodies Festivals are recognised for their focus on street food since the introduction of a Street Food Avenue in 2012. This year visitors can enjoy a huge selection of award winning hot and cold food from around the world including hog roasts, Vietnamese buns, Jamaican and Thai street food.

Returning features this year include the popular Drinks Theatre, where regular masterclasses and demonstrations offer visitors the chance to taste and learn about wine, champagne, sherry, ales and cocktails.

Relaxation comes in the form of champagne tents and pop-up bars such as the Ibiza Chill Out Barwere you can enjoy exotic cocktails and live DJs while an entertainment stage features live music acts throughout the day until 7pm.

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With new features including bespoke trim, Red Carbon badging and a red-stitched interior, Peugeot is hoping the RCZ will be a popular hit this summer.

The RCZ was unveiled at the Frankfurt Auto Show in 2009, and was initially announced as the 308 RCZ concept car at the 2007 Frankfurt show.

The two-door coupé, with its front-engine and front-wheel-drive, has been described by Auto Express "as a rarer sight than the Audi TT" and "far more striking than the Volkswagen".

It backed the four-seater Peugeot RCZ as "worth a look" if you want to turn heads for a modest amount of cash.

The magazine also gave the car an average score of four out of five stars.

The Red Carbon models are a limited edition with just 300 being made, and stem from the sport model.

It also has a six-speed manual gearbox.

The model features as standard what the car company calls the 'Vision Pack' – with Xenon, directional and self-levelling headlamps, 19'' 'Solstice' alloy wheels with onyx black matt paintwork finish, metallic paintwork in Moroccan Red or Nera Black, matt black roof arches, black front grill, door mirror covers and brake callipers.

Inside, the unique Red Carbon black style sports front seats are trimmed in leather with red stitching.

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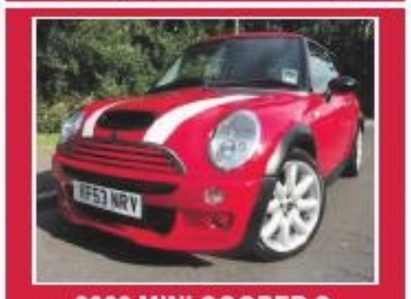
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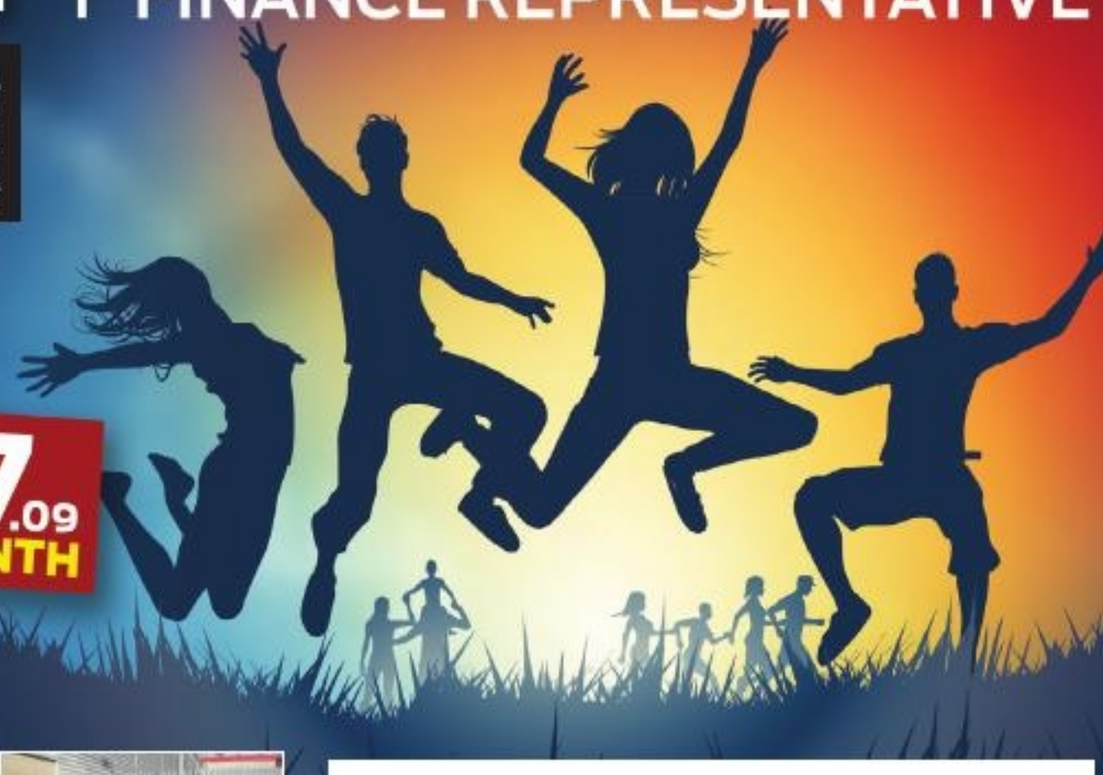

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Our Price **£10,495**

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09/59	**CITROEN** C1 1.0 VTR 5 DR	GREY	26426	**£4595**
11/11	**FIAT** PANDA 1.1 ACTIVE ECO 5 DR	BLACK	28957	**£4650**
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14/14	**FORD** KA 1.2 ZETEC [START STOP] 3 DR	WHITE	2500	**£8995**
13/63	**FIAT** PUNTO 1.4 JET BLACK 3 DR	BLACK	2999	**£8995**
14/14	**CITROEN** C3 1.3 VTI 82 VTR+ DR	RED	500	**£9995**
10/10	**FORD** FIESTA 1.6 TDCI ECONETIC 5 DR	GREEN	45045	**£9995**
14/14	**FIAT** PUNTO 1.2 EASY 3 DR	GREY	2000	**£9995**
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13/63	**FIAT** 500L MPW 1.3 MULTIJET 85 LOUNGE	WHITE	5279	**£13995**
12/62	**FORD** FOCUS 1.6 TDCI 115 ZETEC S 5 DR	WHITE	13900	**£13995**
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48 months	£299.00	£22,476.77	£1,999.00	£20,477.77	£10.00	£9,306.00	£25,368.00	4.9% fixed	Representative 4.9% APR

BMW Select Finance Example: BMW 316i Sport Saloon[2].

48 months	£349.00	£22,616.70	£00.00	£22,616.70	£10.00	£9,306.00	£25,719.00	4.9% fixed	4.9% APR

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Official fuel economy figures for the BMW 3 Series Saloon Range: Urban 25.4-57.6mpg (11.1-4.9l/100km). Extra Urban 44.1-80.7mpg(6.4-3.5l/100km). Combined 35.8 68.9mpg (7.9-4.1l/100km). CO_2 emissions 186-109g/km. Figures may vary depending on driving style and conditions.

[1]Finance example is for a BMW Select agreement for a new BMW 316i Sport Saloon with a contract mileage of 32,000 miles and excess mileage charge of 5.10p per mile.
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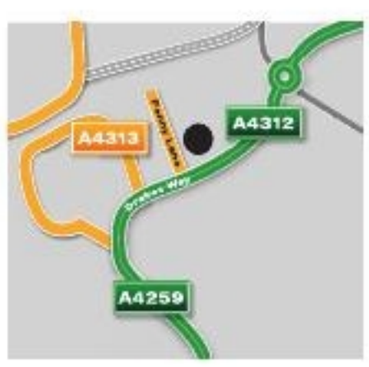

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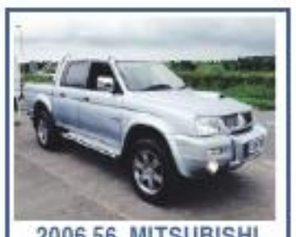

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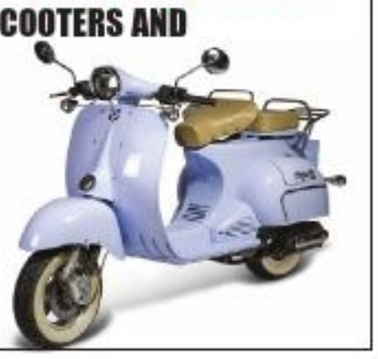

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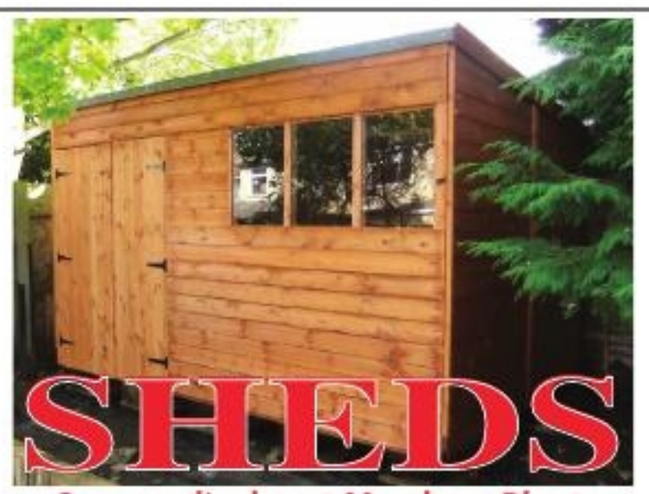

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Exiles miss out on 7s finals after scraping group stage

By **Dan Church**
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LONDON Welsh came agonisingly close to sealing a place in the Premiership Rugby 7s Series final on Saturday.

A nail-biting victory over Sale Sharks ended in vain as defeats to Leicester Tigers and Newcastle Falcons knocked Justin Burnell's men out of the finals.

The Exiles scraped past Sale 15-14 at the Darlington Northern Echo Arena in Group D thanks to Jamel Chisholm's last-gasp try.

London Welsh's second fixture against Leicester was even more startling with theatrical turning points in the final 60 seconds.

When Will Hurrell touched down in the dying moments the Exiles thought they had sealed victory, only for Dan Rundle to return the favour for a 17-14 match winning try.

That left the Exiles needing a win from their final group match against Newcastle to reach the final at Twickenham Stoop.

But London Welsh's first appearance in the Rugby 7s since 2012 came to an abrupt end when Newcastle wiped out any faint chance after a 14-5 whitewash.

They join Cardiff Blues, Gloucester Rugby and Northampton Saints in the finale tomorrow, August 8, from 6pm.

• *London Welsh's 14-5 defeat to Newcastle Falcons on Saturday deprived the Exiles of a Premiership Rugby 7s Series final appearance for the first time since 2012 (Picture by Damian Dolan)*

City's Merritt optimistic for new season

JUSTIN Merritt is feeling extremely positive ahead of the new football season as he seeks drastic improvement from Oxford City in the Conference North.

City wrapped up their pre-season with a 1-1 draw away to Kettering Town last Thursday after Tom Winters' sublime 80th minute equaliser.

After finishing 20th last term, Merritt is looking to go one step further in his debut season at Marsh Lane, starting with their league opener at home to Hyde FC on Saturday.

"I wouldn't be pushed on being asked where we are going to finish, but I want to be positive. We'll be aiming for significant improvement," he said.

"I took over a team that finished third from bottom, so the first and foremost target is to get enough points on the board to make sure we're not in a relegation fight.

"We have a good group of players that all knit together really well and buy into what we are trying to achieve which is exciting, attacking football. Rather being set up to avoid defeat, we are going to try and win games.

"We want to be winning things and competing at the top. Whether that is realistic this season, only time will tell."

Burnell working hard to ensure league success

HEAD coach Justin Burnell is doing everything he possibly can to ensure London Welsh succeed in the step-up to the Aviva Premiership this season.

After a one-year absence, the Exiles are back in the top-flight after a 48-28 aggregate victory over Bristol back in early June.

London Welsh begin their preparations for the new season on Saturday when they travel to Henley Hawks for their first-pre-season fixture, before visiting Wasps and Pontypridd later this month.

Former Welsh rugby star Burnell is hoping his players will showcase some of the training procedures they have been working on over the summer at Dry Leas.

"It gives us an ideal opportunity to put things into practice that we have been trying in the first five weeks of our pre-season programme," Burnell said.

"It should be a good indicator to show where we are.

"What we want to do is give an opportunity to some of our new faces and give them some quality time against Henley and utilise aspects of our squad.

"We will then look to utilise different squad members and throw them into the Wasps game.

"We'd like to think after that we'll be in a good position and know more or less where we are."

The Exiles wrapped up their 25th summer signing on Tuesday afternoon after former Bedford Blues tight-head prop Ben Cooper arrived at the Kassam Stadium.

Boss Burnell didn't rule out the possibility of more additions to his squad before London Welsh's season opener at home to Exeter Chiefs on September 7 as he knows how fierce the Premiership will be.

"I think if the right person comes along for the right cost, then that will be up to us to have a look at," he added.

"We are very fortunate to have (deputy chairman) Kelvin Bryon. He is a fantastic man and he's ever so supportive, so it's something we will always revisit.

"The fact is that this is the best club competition in the world. The standard and quality of the players is increasing year by year.

"After watching the fantastic final between Saracens and Northampton, it's really shown how the league has gone up another level. It's an impressive system to be playing in."

• *Justin Burnell*

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United seal double deal before season opener

OXFORD United completed the loan signing of Norwich City striker Carlton Morris on Monday.

The 18-year-old forward arrives at the Kassam Stadium on an initial six-month loan from the Sky Bet Championship side.

Morris, who won the FA Youth Cup with the Canaries, said: "It is a great chance for me. I have played all my football at Norwich so far but I am looking forward to testing myself.

"Oxford are a good club and I know they are very ambitious so I want to come here, train hard and play regular, competitive football in a successful side."

Manager Michael Appleton was delighted with his latest addition, and said: "Carlton had a number of clubs looking at him and I think it speaks volumes for Oxford United that he has chosen to come here when other clubs were chasing his services.

"He is big and strong, technically very good, and he is a decent finisher so we are excited to have him here."

Morris joins Junior Brown at the Kassam Stadium after the Fleetwood Town winger penned a one-year deal with the club last Thursday.

The 25 year-old played the first hour in United's final pre-season match against AFC Bournemouth on Saturday before being replaced by Callum O'Dowda.

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The Sky Bet Championship outfit prevailed as 4-1 victors from the Kassam Stadium, with Callum Wilson bagging a hat-trick after Junior Stanislas' opener.

U's midfielder Danny Rose's superb finish was in vain after temporarily levelling the game at 1-1 for the home side, but boss Appleton was pleased with the overall performance.

"From a performance point of view, I was delighted for an hour or so," he said.

"We've come up against a unit who have taken five years to get to where they are today. They've come through the leagues from League Two and into the Championship.

"I thought Bournemouth were the better side, but we were very competitive and tried to do the right things and matched them in terms of the football we tried to play."

Oxford United open their Sky Bet League Two proceedings this Saturday when the U's host Burton Albion at the Kassam Stadium.

• *Junior Brown made his Oxford United debut in the 4-1 defeat to AFC Bournemouth at the Kassam Stadium on Saturday (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

Sport Bites

MotoGP returns

BRADLEY Smith returns to action this weekend at Indianapolis after MotoGP's mid-season break.

The Oxford-born ace arrives in the USA off the back of a disappointing 19th-place finish at the German Grand Prix on July 19.

Smith, who lies in 11th place in the world standings with 48 points, recently admitted he needs to achieve 'good results' in order to earn a new contract for the 2015 MotoGP season.

Stars' new trio

OXFORD City Stars continue to strengthen their squad ahead of the National Ice Hockey League Division One season with the triple signing of brothers Nick, Joe and Josh Oliver.

The trio played a vital role in the Stars' league and cup winning campaign last year, with eldest sibling Nick being the clubs team captain for the past two years.

Coach Darren Elliott is delighted, and he said: "The re-signing of the Oliver brothers is massive for the team.

"We're really lucky to have them sign for another year and we're looking forward to seeing what they can bring to NIHL1."

Play-off push

OXFORD Saints have kept their play-off chances alive after a stunning 33-12 win away to National League Central leaders Peterborough Saxons on Sunday.

Andrew Day's men dominated the entire game from start to finish; boosting their chances of securing promotion through the play-offs after sealing their sixth win from nine league outings.

The Saints host Leicester Falcons on the last day of the season at Abingdon Rugby Club on August 17, with Oxford needing another victory to have any chance of snatching promotion.

• *Jason Plato celebrates at Snetterton (Picture courtesy of btcc.net)*

Double celebrations for BTCC's Plato at Snetterton

JASON Plato re-ignited his British Touring Car Championship challenge last weekend after storming to two opening victories at Snetterton.

The 46-year-old returned from his mid-season break in terrific fashion after pipping championship leader Colin Turkington by four hundredths of a second to take pole position on Saturday.

From the front row, the Oxford-born ace managed to fend off Turkington in the first two races on Sunday before falling behind in the ultimate race to finish fourth.

The two-time BTCC champion said: "I really enjoyed that race and we are delighted with the results.

"We are in a great place with the car but I am behind in the points after the first half of the year. Now the car is good it's time to claw points back in the championship."

Plato's first victories since his win at Donington back in April has shunted the MG KX Momentum driver back into championship winning contention after rising to third in the standings, reducing the lead at the top to 43 points.

Reigning champion and nearest rival Andrew Jordan lost considerable ground on his championship defence after enduring a high-speed accident during practice that saw him begin the opening race from the back of the field.

After last weekend's formidable driving, the BTCC's race calendar will see Plato head for Scotland as the drivers visit Knockhill on 23-24 August.

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Hellenic Premier preview

ARDLEY United will be determined to go one step further this season in the Hellenic Premier League when they kick-off their new season at home to Cheltenham Saracens on Saturday.

Last year's runners-up were beaten by Wantage Town to promotion to the Southern League Division One South and West by just two points.

However, United are in eye-catching form following their 1-0 pre-season victory over Conference North outfit Oxford City last Tuesday thanks to Callum Convey's penalty.

Elsewhere Milton United travel to Bracknell Town on their return to the Premier League.

After suffering relegation back in 2009, the Miltonians are back in the top-tier after winning the Hellenic Division One title last year from the hands of Wokingham and Emmbrook.

Kidlington will be looking to improve upon last season's sixth-placed finish when they take on Holyport this weekend.

Oxford City Nomads welcome fellow local side Shrivenham to Court Place Farm following their ninth and 15th placed finishes last season.

And finally Thame United will seek revenge on Saturday when they host Highmoor Ibis.

United lost 4-3 at the ASM Stadium in the same fixture last season thanks to Michael Parker completing his hat-trick and an astonishing victory in the final minute.

Oxon's Commonwealth heroes

DIDCOT weightlifter Ben Watson clinched a bronze medal at the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games last Thursday in the Men's Weightlifting 105kg.

The 24 year-old, who is from St Birinus Club, finished third on his Commonwealth debut in the Clyde Auditorium after lifting a combined total of 337kg.

Zoe Shipperley had to settle for a silver medal in the Women's Hockey after England suffered a harrowing 3-1 shoot-out defeat to Australia in the final on Saturday.

The former St Edward's schoolteacher was deprived of Commonwealth gold after Jodie Kenny equalised in the dying moments of normal time before sealing victory on penalties.

Meanwhile Dan Fox clinched bronze in the Men's Hockey after edging past New Zealand 4-2 in another intense shoot-out finale after the game finished 3-3 after normal time.

Nathan Douglas had his medal chances ultimately hampered by injury after finishing 11th in the Men's Long Jump on Saturday.

After leaping 16.05m in the preliminary round, a back problem restricted the Oxford City athlete to a disappointing jump of 14.56m in the final.

And Oxford University graduate Luke Caldwell finished 14th in the Men's 10,000m final last Friday despite achieving a new personal best of 28:47:39.

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TOUGH GOING FOR WEST OXON TEAMS

• *Pastor Maldonado leads Kamui Kobayashi (Picture courtesy of Lotus F1)*

IT has been a wretched season so far in Formula One for Lotus and Caterham as the constructors commence their two-week 'summer shutdown'.

Lotus lie eighth in the constructors' championship with only eight points, meanwhile Caterham sit rock-bottom after failing to pick up any points during the first eleven Grand Prix.

The last race in Hungary on July 27 summed up both teams misfortunes this campaign as Caterham's Marcus Ericsson and Kamui Kobayashi both retired, meanwhile Lotus' Pastor Maldonado was the only driver to finish in 13th place as teammate Romain Grosjean spun out.

Both teams also suffered a similar

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fate in this season's curtain opener in Melbourne after each driver failed to complete the Australian Grand Prix on March 16.

Besides Maldonado being forced to pull over after just seven laps, all the remaining drivers made the chequered flag at the Malaysian Grand Prix, with Grosjean being pipped to earning his first championship point of the season after finishing 11th.

Memories of the Bahrain and Chinese Grand Prix in April were soon forgotten as all four drivers finished outside the top-10 for the fourth consecutive race weekend.

Frenchman Grosjean eventually opened the team's account in Barcelona at the Spanish Grand Prix in May after crossing the line in eighth place to bag four points for Lotus.

The 28 year-old doubled his seasons point's tally in the next race in Monaco after another eighth-placed finish, although Venezuelan partner Maldonado failed to start the race after an engine failure during the formation lap.

Montreal was a place of nightmares for both sides as all four drivers retired before the scheduled 70 laps, with Swedish rookie Ericsson breaking down after just seven laps due to an engine problem.

However the quartet managed to escape unhurt at the Austrian Grand Prix in late June, with Maldonado the closest to achieving a point's finish after crossing the line in 12th spot.

The British Grand Prix at Silverstone failed to deliver any luck for either team as Ericsson suffered a suspension problem whilst Maldonado's exhaust gave way three laps before the end.

It was then Grosjean's turn to endure bad luck at the German Grand Prix last month after a water leak left his race in tatters after 26 laps, whilst the remaining trio failed to pick up any valuable points.

After five consecutive Grand Prix without a top-10 finish, both Lotus and Caterham will be hoping their mid-season break will recharge their batteries before returning to the track at Spa, Belgium on August 22.

Caterham ace Ericsson spoke after his crash at the Hungarian Grand Prix: "I'm sorry for the guys on track and back at Leafield - they put in 100 per cent all the time and it's obviously not a good feeling for them to see one of their cars in the wall.

"But we'll come back fighting in Spa where we have some new parts and we'll keep pushing, there and for the whole second half of the season."

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